AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims have been presented whether or not an amendment has been made. The claims have been amended as follows:

1.   **(Previously Presented)**   A method for presenting a status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

determining a value of a property associated with a particular object;

generating a status indicator representing the determined value; and

displaying the status indicator.

2.   **(Original)**   The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator has a translucent quality.

3.   **(Original)**   The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator has a reflective quality.

4.   **(Original)**   The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator is depicted as a bar.

5.   **(Previously Presented)**   The method of claim 4, wherein at least one dimension of the bar represents the determined value.

6.   **(Original)**   The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator is depicted as a quantitative indicator.

7.   **(Original)**   The method of claim 6, wherein the quantitative indicator is a gauge.

8.   **(Previously Presented)**   A method for presenting a user selected status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

receiving a request to select a property of a particular object for display;

displaying at least one property associated with the particular object;

receiving a selection of a property;

determining a value of the selected property;

generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property; and

displaying the status indicator.

9.   **(Previously Presented)**   The method of claim 8, wherein generating a status indicator comprises automatically determining a form of the status indicator.

10.   **(Previously Presented)**   The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving a selection from a user determining a form of the status indicator.

11.   **(Previously Presented)**   The method of claim 8, wherein the status indicator is a bar graph.

12.   **(Previously Presented)**   An apparatus for presenting a status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

a graphical user interface operative to display a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

and

a processor operative to:

determine a value of a property associated with a particular object; and

generate a status indicator representing the determined value, wherein the status indicator is displayed.

13.   **(Previously Presented)**   An apparatus for presenting a user selected status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

a graphical user interface operative to display a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

and

a processor operative to:

receive a request to select a property of a particular object for display;

display at least one property associated with the particular object;

receive a selection of a property;

determine a value of the selected property; and

generate a status indicator based on the value of the selected property, wherein the status indicator is displayed.

14.   **(Previously Presented)**   An apparatus for presenting a status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

   means for displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

   　　the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

   　　the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

   means for determining a value of a property associated with a particular object;

   means for generating a status indicator representing the determined value; and

   means for displaying the status indicator.

15.   **(Previously Presented)**   An apparatus for presenting a user selected status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

means for displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

means for receiving a request to select a property of a particular object for display;

means for displaying at least one property associated with the particular object;

means for receiving a selection of a property;

means for determining a value of the selected property;

means for generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property; and

means for displaying the status indicator.

16.   **(Previously Presented)**   A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for presenting a status of an object in a graphic display, the processing instructions operable when executed to direct a computer to perform the steps of:

    displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

        the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

        the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

    determining a value of a property associated with a particular object;

    generating a status indicator representing the determined value; and

    displaying the status indicator.

17.   **(Previously Presented)**   A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for presenting a user selected status of an object in a graphic display, the processing instructions operable when executed to direct a computer to perform the steps of:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

receiving a request to select a property of a particular object for display;

displaying at least one property associated with the particular object;

receiving a election of a property;

determining a value of the selected property;

generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property; and

displaying the status indicator.

18.   **(Previously Presented)**   The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

displaying lines between the icons, the lines representing network links;

determining a status associated with a particular network link; and

modifying the displayed line associated with the particular network link, the modification based at least in part on the determined status.

19.   **(Previously Presented)**   The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein:

the graphical user interface is further operative to display lines between the icons, the lines representing network links; and

the processor is further operative to:

determine a status associated with a particular network link; and

modify the displayed line associated with the particular network link, the modification based at least in part on the determined status.

20.   **(New)** The method of Claim 1, further comprising displaying a control panel associated with the particular object, wherein the control panel comprises textual descriptions of one or more properties represented by status indicators that are currently displayed.

21.   **(New)** The method of Claim 1, wherein:

the icons are three-dimensional graphical models of the associated objects; and

the icons are arranged on a three-dimensional graphical surface.

22.   **(New)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the status indicator is displayed relative to a particular icon representing the particular object.

23.   **(New)** The method of Claim 2, wherein the translucent quality is such that a view of the displayed icons is not obstructed by the status indicator.

24.   **(New)** The method of Claim 8, wherein:

the icons are three-dimensional graphical models of the associated objects; and

the icons are arranged on a three-dimensional graphical surface.

25.   **(New)** The method of Claim 8, wherein the status indicator is displayed relative to a particular icon representing the particular object.

26.   (New) The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein:

the icons are three-dimensional graphical models of the associated objects; and

the icons are arranged on a three-dimensional graphical surface.

27.   (New) The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein the status indicator is displayed relative to a particular icon representing the particular object.

28.   (New) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein:

the icons are three-dimensional graphical models of the associated objects; and

the icons are arranged on a three-dimensional graphical surface.

29.   (New) The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein the status indicator is displayed relative to a particular icon representing the particular object.